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For: A NETWORK-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF  
PARTS WITH VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT  
FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND FABRICATOR SELECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page, 1, first full paragraph, please delete in its entirety and replace with the paragraph as shown in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-18 and replace with new claims 19-41 as shown in Attachment B.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide reference to the patent applications from which the present application claims priority. Claims 19-41 are directed to additional features of the present invention. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited.

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